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SUBJECT: ECE - AD HOC MEETING ON ENERGY ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY
IN ECE REGION, 21-23 MARCH 1977

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1. AT OPENING SESSION OF SUBJECT MEETING MARCH 21, SOVIET DELEGATE MADE NOW STANDARD INTERVENTION REGARDING HOLDING OF ALL-EUROPEAN CONGRESS OR "INTER-GOVERNMENTAL MEETING" ON ENERGY. HE STATED THAT VARIOUS SEMINARS PLANNED BY ECE ON ENERGY RELATED TOPICS IMPORTANT BUT THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS REQUIRES APPROVAL AT APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENTAL LEVEL. IN SOVIET VIEW SUBJECT MEETING SHOULD "CREATE BRIDGES" TO HOLDING OF USCH ENERGY CONGRESS AND ADOPT DECISION APPROVING IN PRINCIPLE HOLDING OF ENERGY CONGRESS. NO MENTION MADE OF ECE'S ROLE IN SUCH A PROPOSED ENERGY CONGRESS.

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2. UK DELEGATE SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF EC-9 POINTED OUT THAT DECISION B(XXXI) SIMPLY DRAWS SOVIET CONGRESSES PROPOSAL TO ATTENTION OF PRINCIPLE SUBSIDIARY BODIES (PSB) AND THAT PRESENT AD HOC MEETING IS NOT PSB. THEREFORE SUBJECT MEETING NOT APPROPRIATE FORUM FOR DISCUSSION OF SOVIET CONGRESSES PROPOSAL. US ASSOCIATED ITSELF WITH UK STATEMENT. POLAND, HUNGARY AND GDR MADE BRIEF STATEMENTS

IN SUPPORT OF SOVIET STATEMENT ON ENERGY CONGRESS.

3. ECE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY STANOVNIK, IN ONE AND ONE-HALF HOUR BROAD DISCUSSION OF NEED AND PROSPECTS FOR ENERGY CONSERVATION IN ECE REGION, HIGHLIGHTED WORK ON ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORT, ENERGY, EAST-WEST TRADE AND EXCHANGE OF COMMERCIAL INFORMATION AS PRIORITY AREAS OF ECE WORK. WITHOUT DIRECTLY MENTIONING SOVIET CONGRESSES PROPOSAL, HE ADDED THAT THERE IS MOVE TOWARD MEETINGS OF HIGHER POLITICAL AUTHORITIES "WITHIN ECE". HIS VIEW IS THAT BEFORE ANY SUCH HIGH LEVEL MEETINGS ARE HELD, SUBJECT AREAS MUST BE DEFINED IN WELL-HONED AGENDA IF MEETINGS ARE TO BE EXPECTED TO YIELD TANGIBLE RESULTS.

4. COMMENT: STANOVNIK CLEARLY WANTED TO GIVE SENSE OF URGENCY TO NEED FOR ECE TO MOVE FORWARD REPIDLY IN SOME SIXTY ENERGY-RELATED PROJECTS WHICH NOW UNDERWAY. HE STATED THAT HE WOULD REPEAT AGAIN AT ECE 32ND SESSION NEED FOR SERIOUS PROGRESS ON CURCIAL MATTER OF ENERGY CONSERVATION. HE IN NO WAY TIED THIS TO NEED FOR HIGH-LEVEL GOVERNMENTAL MEETING WITHIN ECE AND CERTAINLY MADE NO IMPLIED LINK TO SOVIET CONGRESSES PROPOSAL.IIN FACT, STANOVNIK HAS SAID IN OTHER FORA THAT ENERGY TOPICS (UNLIKE ENVIRONMENT) NOT YET MATURE FOR CONSIDERATION AT HIGH LEVEL. HOWEVER FACT THAT STANOVNIK AND ECE CONSIDER ENERGY HIGH PRIORITY SUBJECT COULD BE USED BY SOVIETS AT 32ND SESSION TO LEND WEIGHT TO THEIR PROPOSAL FOR ENERGY CONGRESS.IEND COMMENT SORENSON

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